

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :

Yasuo KOBAYASHI et al :

SERIAL NO.: NEW APPLICATION :

FILED: HERewith :

FOR: PROCESSING METHOD AND
APPARATUS FOR REMOVING
OXIDE FILM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 10-15.

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claims 10-15 have been cancelled.

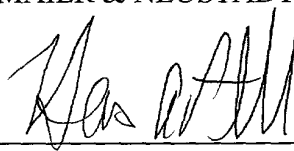
No new matter has been added by the above amendment. Claims 1-9, and 16-31 are now active in the application.

REMARKS

The application is ripe for examination on the merits. An early examination is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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